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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF LEARY

LEARY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 23, 2005 – Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that the City of Leary was selected to receive a \$2,337,600 loan and grant through the agency's Community Programs Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. The funds will be used to construct a collection system. This system will serve 330 users.

"One of the goals of USDA Rural Development is to provide Texans with safe, dependable water and modern sewage systems," said Daniel. "In fiscal year 2004, \$90.4 million of loan and grant assistance was infused into 82 projects and assisted 228,034 rural Texans."

USDA Rural Development's water and wastewater program is designed to bring fresh, clean drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound sewage facilities to rural America's 53 million residents. Loans and grants are available to rural communities with fewer than 10,000 residents. Public bodies, non-profit corporations and Indian tribes that are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms, are eligible for assistance.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by funding new and improved water and wastewater facilities, providing funds to governmental entities, non-profit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 with a mission to use the resources of USDA to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Mt. Pleasant office at (903) 572-5411, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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